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SUBJECT: OAU FACT FINDING MISSION TO LEAVE SHORTLY FOR DJIBOUTI

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1. OAU A/SEC GEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PETER ONU TOLD

POL COUNSELOR IN PRESENCE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR BASSIOUNY

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AT SOCIAL FUNCTION EVENING MARCH 3 THAT OAU'S FACT

FINDING MISSION TO DJIBOUTI NOW SCHEDULED TO GO MARCH 21-

26. ASKED WHETHER FRENCH GOVT HAD GIVEN ITS CONSENT, ONU AS WELL AS EGYPTIAN AMB RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. WHEN WE POSED SAME QUESTION TO FRENCH EMBASSY COLLEAGUE HERE MARCH 5 LATTER PROFESSED TO BE UNAWARE THAT HIS GOVT HAD AGREED PERMIT OAU FACT FINDING MISSION TO PROCEED. FRENCH EMBOFF OPINED THAT PARIS MIGHT WELL ESCHEW TAKING ANY FORMAL POSITION ON FACT FINDING MISSION AND "JUST LET IT HAPPEN."

2. ONU AND BASSIOUNY VOLUNTEERED STRONGLY PHRASED VIEW THAT OAU AND ARAB LEAGUE WOULD RPT WOULD BE ABLE TO DEVISE EFFECTIVE AND WORKABLE GUARANTEES FOR AN INDEPENDENT DJIBOUTI. BASSIOUNY PARTICULARLY ASSERTED WITH CONSIDERABLE FORCE HIS CONFIDENCE THAT EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA WORKING TOGETHER WOULD PROVE EFFECTIVE IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

3. ONU VOLUNTEERED THAT HASSAN GOULED OF LPAI HAD MADE BY FAR BEST IMPRESSION UPON HIM AND, HE IMPLIED, ON BULK HIS (GOULED'S) INTERLOCUTORS AT RECENT OAU CM. ONU SAID THAT GOULED HAD BEEN STATESMANLIKE AND CONSTRUCTIVE. HE OPINED THAT GOULED WAS NOT RPT NOT "THE PLAYTHING OF SOMALIA" BUT ONU DID NOT VOLUNTEER ANY REASONS TO SUPPORT THAT STATEMENT. HE CONCLUDED THE CONVERSATION WITH THE ESTIMATE THAT HASSAN GOULED WAS VERY LIKELY TO DISPLACE ALI AREF IN POWER IN THE TERRITORY AFTER IT ACHIEVES INDEPENDENCE.
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